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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 19

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The current commercial salmon fishing period in the **Chignik Bay and Central districts** as well as the **Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District** (273-93) of the Chignik Management Area <u>will be extended</u> for an additional **96 hours from 11:00 p.m. Sunday, August 4 until 11:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8.** The markers will remain at Mensis Point.

As Previously Announced:

The **Mitrofania Island** statistical area (273-74), within the Mitrofania Section of the Western District, **is closed** to commercial salmon fishing.

The Eastern, Western (excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection) and Perryville districts of the Chignik Management Area <u>will close</u> at 11:00 p.m. Sunday, August 4.

In the **Chignik Bay and Central districts** of the Chignik Management Area **Chinook (king)** salmon 28 inches or greater in length <u>may not be retained</u> for sale or home pack in the commercial salmon fishery <u>until further notice</u> and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.